

NOAA Teacher at Sea Karolyn Braun Onboard NOAA Ship KA'IMIMOANA October 6 – 28, 2006

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Mission: TAO Buoy Array Maintenance

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Plan of the Day

Transit TAO buoy painting

Today started our first of a three-day transit to latitude 170W. In the morning I did some knot tying and research on the theory of active fluorescence. I will be assisting Eric from the Monterey Bay Aquarium on testing the water samples we have been collecting from the past CTDs using an Active Fluorometer. Active fluorescence methods utilize the relationship between



TAS Braun paints one of the TAO buoys to ready it for deployment.

chlorophyll fluorescence and photosynthesis. I will go into more detail tomorrow.

I painted the TAO buoys in the afternoon to get them ready for deployment on our next line. I was able to paint all the orange before the rain came but will have to paint the white tomorrow. The weather couldn't figure out what it wanted to do. One minute the sun was blazing hot the next it was overcast the next raining then back to the sun again. I drank a lot of water but felt really dehydrated, so no work out today. I am going to drink plenty of water and go to bed early.